

Mason County Early Learning Coalition Strategic Planning Workgroup
August 7, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Present: Lydia Buchheit, Jenny Blumenstein, Robert Amy

9:40 Meeting commenced, Lydia presided

Welcome & Introductions

Lydia noted that she did not send out any meeting email due to not being the entire coalition meeting, but the Strategic Workgroup. It seems that the other workgroup members might have forgotten since a reminder was not issued.

Lydia introduced Robert Amy, and Public Health intern working in the Public Health department. He is currently working on a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) project and so he has worked with Lydia on the Early Learning Coalition Strategic Plan being converted into a CHIP strategy map. This will facilitate incorporating it into the new Insightvision data base that will be helping the community work towards community collective impact in health improvements.

Item 1 Strategic Plan Review

Lydia shared the last version of the strategic plan and then the new strategy map model. The goal of utilizing a strategy mapping model is to attempt to capture what is happening in the community into the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Early Learning Coalition work would fit under the “Trained and Prepared Workforce” priority area of the CHIP. The goal would be to capture what the coalition would want as the ideal vision of Early Learning work in Mason County. The coalition would then pick some of these areas to focus on each year. The data base would capture the strategies, activities, gaps in services, resources, etc. and would be able to help the community work towards impacting the desired change to see desired outcomes achieved.

Item 2 Action Plan Discussion

Jenny shared her desire to have an annual action plan for the coalition with the specific activities to focus. She also was interested in understanding the services being offered specifically in parenting resources. Lydia agreed that a specific action plan is part of the Strategy Map process and suggested that the group may want to work off of last year’s action plan and discussions that were in the last few meetings. Jenny will work on trying to gather those interested in creating a plan around the parenting skill building group that they had begin to discuss earlier in the year. A plan and learn group was one of the ideas... she would like to explore more with Eunice Santiago and gather info and ideas from Holly and other coalition members. Jenny will try to do some work on this prior to the next coalition meeting. Lydia agreed to create a draft action plan from the strategic plan and last year’s action plan that the coalition could discuss and adapt at the September meeting.

Item 4 Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be on September 4th, 9:30-11:00 am at Mason County Public Health. The meeting ended at 11:30 AM.